

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendments before examination of the present application.

In this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3, 5, 7-12, 15, 28-37 have been canceled in order to obviate a statutory double patenting rejection based on the parent, U.S. Patent No. 6,669,698, issued December 30, 2003. As a result of these amendments, claims 1, 2, 6, 13, 14 and 16-27 are currently pending and under consideration.

Consideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to address any outstanding matters concerning the present application.

Respectfully Submitted,


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